

**MAY 7, 2019 – 10:00 A.M.**  
**COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on May 7, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners/Council meeting room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Gerald Wendel, Carol Westerman, Secretary and Karla Bauman, Auditor.

**Open:** The meeting was called to order and the pledge of allegiance was led by Tom Wilson.

**Drainage Board – Shafer Drainage/Gary & Dennis Shaw:** Drainage Board meeting was tabled so more information could be obtained.

**Peter Cates, FC Sheriff – Handbook Issues:** Sheriff Cates came before Commissioners to request the carryover of 2018 vacation hours that could not be used per the handbook. He is requesting on behalf of the matron and a jailer that each had 40 unused hours for vacation in 2018. **Tom Linkel moved due to special circumstances with 2018 unused vacation days to carry forward into 2019 for two employees (40 hours each) to be used in 2019, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Request to change Capital Assets – Sheriff Department:** Sheriff Cates requested permission to transfer two freezers no longer needed by his department to two non-profit organizations in the County. One being the Laurel Fire Department and other is Franklin County Recreational Baseball League. **Motion to transfer the two freezers to the non-profit organizations by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**LPA Voucher – INDOT Bridge Inspection:** **Motion for Tom Linkel to sign the LPA Voucher for bridge inspections in the sum of \$8,384.00 by Tom Wilson, seconded Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Doug Graf, P.E. USI – Engineer’s Progress Report:** Mr. Graf presented his progress report to the Commissioners detailing the progress of each item for them that he is working on. Mr. Graf also presented the LPA-INDOT agreement for the Commissioners signature for Local Roads and Bridges Matching Grant. **Motion to sign the LPA-INDOT Agreement by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Mr. Graf also presented a DNR Application for signature on the Schwegman Road Emergency Slide Repair. **Motion to sign the DNR Application for the Schwegman Road Emergency Slide Repair by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Commissioners discussed with Mr. Graf the slides on Big Cedar and Blue Creek. All the grant money spent on Big Cedar has washed away. Commissioner Linkel stated that the County presently has 13 active slides. Mr. Graf will visit both Big Cedar and Blue Creek areas.

**SRI – Tax Sale Services Support Addendum:** Motion to sign the SRI Tax Sale Service Support Addendum for the Auditor for tax sale services by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Mobilcomm – Service Agreement (Sheriff):** Motion to approve the Mobilcomm Service Agreement for the Sheriff to maintain the communication equipment and radios at \$605.30 per month by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Ordinance 2019-\_\_\_ Area Plan Commission:** This matter was tabled until after the APC meeting on May 8, 2019. Commissioner Wendel will attend the APC meeting.

**Ordinance 2019-10 – Amendment to Standard Personnel Handbook:** An ordinance to amend the Standard Personnel Handbook for vacation hours for the Auditor’s office to be at 37.5 per week. **Motion to approve Ordinance 2019-10 amending the standard personnel handbook for the Auditor’s office at 37.5 hours per week by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Approve Minutes - April 23, 2019:** Motion to approve the April 23, 2019 minutes by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Approve Claims:** Motion to approve all claims by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Payroll & Payroll Deductions:** Motion to approve payroll and payroll deductions by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Glenn Bailey, Franklin County Surveyor:** Surveyor Bailey had provided Commissioners with a written update on the Shafer Ditch. No action needed at this time. Commissioners also stated that the contractor who completed the Jeff Myer ditch will return the payment he received to FCN Bank and FCN Bank will issue a new check for the county to process thru the County’s records.

**Payout of Sick Hours & Comp Hours:** Veronica Voelker, Franklin County Treasurer filed a pay voucher for unpaid accrued sick hours and comp hours she had at the end of 2012. In 2013 she began her term as the Franklin County Treasurer. **Motion to pay the sick hours and comp hours for the Treasurer as filed by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel.** Auditor Bauman asked where they intended for the sick hours and comp hours be paid from. She also stated this was the reason she stated in the email that this needed to go to County Council for approval as the salary adjustment account is in council’s budget and that this has been placed on council’s agenda. **Above motion to include, contingent upon County Council approval, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Frank Walter – Palmer Trucks:** Frank Walter with Palmer Trucks gave a power point presentation on his company, Palmer Trucks. Commissioners thanked Mr. Palmer for the presentation.

**Connie Bischoff, Franklin County Recorder:** Recorder Bischoff requested that the Commissioners move the lawnmower and gasoline that is stored in the basement under her office due to the excessive fumes and the possibility of fire. Commissioners will look into alternative storage for the lawn equipment.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Others Present:** Faye Hay, Perry Know (SJCA P.C.), Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Mark Simmermeyer, Ed Derickson, Glenn Bailey, Peter W. Cates, Robert Braun, Dr. Debbie Howell, Doug Graf, Amber Orozco, Aaron Phelps, Connie Bischoff, Delores Dobbs, Danelle Jentges, Sara Duffy and Marty Han, E & H Bridges

Minutes approved May 14, 2019.

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Karla J. Bauman, Franklin County Auditor